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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

Mitsuko ISHIHARA et al : EXAMINER: CHAKRABARTI, A.

SERIAL NO: 09/892,485 :

FILED: JUNE 28, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1634

FOR: METHOD FOR DETECTING
ENDOCRINE DISRUPTING
ACTION OF A TEST SUBSTANCE

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 11, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Cancel Claim 5.~~

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of detecting an endocrine disrupting action of a test substance, comprising:

(1) culturing a cell having a sensitivity to an endocrine hormone in a first culture system in which endocrine hormone and the test substance are present;